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REMARKS

The Advisory Action indicates that an amendment accompanying the appeal brief was not entered. Two reasons were given: (1) additional claims were presented without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (2) the added claims added additional limitations not previously considered. Amendments reducing the number of issues for appeal were not entered because the examiner would not enter the amendments in part.

Replacement claim 1 recites the subject matter of claims 3 and 9, now cancelled. Claims 4, 8 and 10 have been amended to depend properly from replacement claim 1. This amendment reduces the number of issues for appeal. ✓

Claim 15 has been amended to correct a typographical error. ✓

Claims 21-22 are added. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested since (1) additional claims are now being presented while canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (2) the additional limitations need not be considered since they are not being appealed. ✓

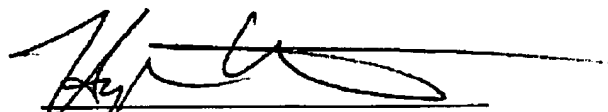
The Advisory Action indicates that the statutory period for response expires six months from the date of the final rejection, which was May 21, 2002. That is, the period for response expired before the Advisory Action was mailed. This, of course, means that the undersigned has not been given an opportunity to respond to the Advisory Action.

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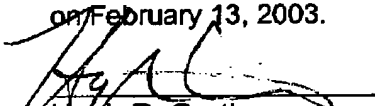
The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this amendment, as it will reduce the number of issues for the Board to consider. If the examiner chooses not to enter this amendment, he is respectfully requested to add this response to the record. If necessary, the undersigned will incorporate this response in his reply to the examiner's answer. In any event, the unentered amendment does not affect the appeal of claims 2 and 11-20 (issues b and c).

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. An optical storage medium comprising:
a recordable medium; and
a groove in the recordable medium, the groove having a constant angular velocity wobble, wherein wobble cycles of the groove form a plurality of concentric zones and wherein wobble cycles in the same zone are spatially coherent.

4. The medium of claim 31, wherein the wobble cycles in the same zone subtend the same angle; and wherein the wobble cycles in different zones subtend different angles.

8. The medium of claim 31, wherein the groove has the same number of wobble cycles as a groove having CLV wobble.

10. The medium of claim 31, wherein wobble cycles in the same zone are completely out-of-phase.

15. The medium of claim 11, wherein wobble cycle period is stepped from zone-to-zone.